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**PHILPOT MAN CHARGED WITH MANUFACTURING METHAMPHETAMINE  
AND BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced that a federal Grand Jury in Bowling Green **returned an Indictment** charging **RYAN J. PAYNE**, age 23, of 6490 Free Silver Road, Philpot, Kentucky, with possession of List I chemicals (precursors pseudoephedrine) and possession of materials and instruments (anhydrous ammonia) with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine **Payne** is also charged with being a felon in possession of and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug-trafficking crime.

The Indictment charges that on or about April 7, 2005, **Payne** was discovered hiding in the loft of a barn owned by PB in Whitesville, Kentucky. When the owners approached, **Payne** jumped from the barn and ran away. **Payne's** personal belongings and a methamphetamine laboratory were discovered. **Payne** was recognized by one of the owners when he ran off across the field. **Payne** has a previous conviction for trafficking in methamphetamine from an arrest on June 6, 2005 in Grayson County.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum penalties are 55 years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

**Payne** is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on February 22, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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